



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 14

Meeting Date: 8/15/06

Meeting Location: Bartholomew County DCS Conference Room

Council Members Present: Michael Williams, LaDonna Simpson, Helen Jackson, Alfredo Salazar, Cindy Doyle-Winslow, Jack Tandy, Heather Mollo, K. Mark Loyd, Mary Medler, Dennis Carmichael

Council Members Absent: Ruth Alewine

Others In Attendance: Sarah Sullivan, Lisa Anderson, Dawn Wilson, Carla Ginn, Keith Weedman, Karla Davis, Pat Smith, Rob Gaskill, Scott Stewart, Gayle Green. Julie Stewart and Janice Klein were present but not listed on sign-in sheet.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:35 AM

- 1. First Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Staff attorneys from Jackson/Jennings, Bartholomew, and Johnson Counties were introduced.
- 2. Second Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Regional Strategic Planning was discussed. Judge Mollo feels that strategic planning is necessary to identify gaps in services. She also felt it would be beneficial to utilize an outside agency for facilitation. Dennis Carmichael suggested a site in Brown County be considered in October for Strategic Planning. Judge Loyd indicated names were sent to RM Alewine for this purpose. Judge Mollo indicated she may also have some names to pass along to RM Alewine.
- 3. Third Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Voluntary Services Phase-Down was discussed. Jennings County indicated they need respite care for “out of control kids.” Children’s Bureau/Community Partners for Child Safety “Parent Partners” programs in each county were mentioned as an option along with working with retired nurses, for example, to develop a respite system.

- 4. Fourth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Community Partners for Child Safety Program update. Karla Davis was present and discussed that she had met with several counties already. She indicated Shelby and Jennings have “needs.” In Bartholomew County, she indicated she had met with the DV Action Team/Turning Point. She also mentioned having met with ACT Services in Johnson County. She stated that as of the meeting date, she had left 19 messages regarding Advisory Board membership and had heard back from 1 person. Her Community Forum presentation is prepared. CPCS will have a booth at the Johnson County Fall Festival on 9/28. They are working on a brochure. Karla asked for input regarding the name of the program—should we stick with “Community Partners for Child Safety” or come up with one unique to Region 14? Consensus of the group was to keep the Community Partners name. Regional Manager Alewine has agreed to initially chair the Advisory Board. A parent representative (Jennings Co?) is needed. According to Celia Leaird at DCS Central Office, it is imperative that parents be involved in the Steering Committee/Advisory Board. 2-4 members/county is recommended for Steering Committee/Advisory Board. It is unclear at this time which group (Regional Services Council or Steering Committee/Advisory Board) oversees the \$ spent on program. It was suggested that a CPCS update be included on each RSC agenda. On 10/3, a State-wide CPCS meeting will be held for agencies with these contracts. Dennis Carmichael suggested that RSC members receive an update at the October meeting regarding the # of families/cost/which counties served through present (also an ongoing agenda item request). The billing from 4/06 through present has been administrative in nature according to Children’s Bureau.
- 5. Fifth Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Judge Mollo is interested in learning more about the Placement Consultant position Dennis Carmichael helps fund through Family and Children Fund. She thought this would be an item for a future RSC agenda since all counties could benefit from this type of service.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: 10/17/06 at Bartholomew County DCS (No September meeting due to Community Forum on 9/19/06 in Columbus)

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:35 AM